

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment to ensure they reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occur when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and not knowing how to cope; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, no one person can do everything, but everyone can do something, and together we can create change for the better; and

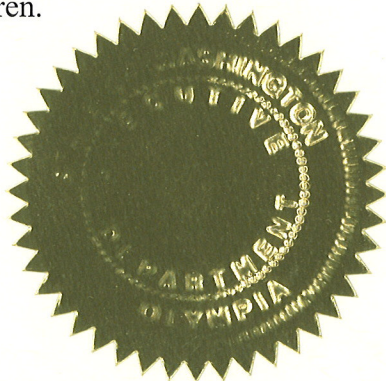
WHEREAS, dialing the DSHS toll-free number 1-866-ENDHARM makes it easier to protect the vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, wearing or displaying a pinwheel in April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in protecting and nurturing our children.



Signed this 5th day of April, 2010

Chris Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire